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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Customer Window, MS RCE U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 220 20th Street S. Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202	Application Number	10/016,142
	Filing Date	December 17, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Hirotooshi KUBO
	Art Unit	2812
	Examiner Name	Christopher W. Lattin
	Attorney Docket Number	492322002600

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☒ Other Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116, filed June 17, 2004

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 07/22/2004 EFLORES 00000059 031952 10016142

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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In response to the Action mailed March 29, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

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